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SUBJECT: FOREIGN MINISTER AMIN'S VIEWS ON TASS ACCUSATION
OF U.S. INTERFERENCE IN AFGHAN AFFAIRS

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1. DURING MY CALL ON AFGHAN FOREIGN MINISTER HAFIZULLAH AMIN ON AUGUST 14, I RAISED WITH HIM THE TASS ARTICLE I HAD DISCUSSED EARLIER WITH DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER SHAH MOHAMMAD DOST AND SOVIET AMBASSADOR ALEXANDER M. PUZANOV (REFTEL). I NOTED THAT SUCH PROPAGANDA IS MALICIOUS AND THAT I COULD ONLY ASSUME THAT IT WAS DESIGNED TO STRAIN THE BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN AFGHANISTAN AND THE U.S. STATING THAT THE TASS CHARGES ARE COMPLETELY BASELESS, I REPEATED THAT THE U.S. POLICY IS NOT TO INTERFERE IN AFGHANISTAN'S INTERNAL
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AFFAIRS, EITHER DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY. I POINTED OUT HOW IRRATIONAL AND CONTRADICTIONARY IT WOULD BE TO ASSIST THE NEW GOVERNMENT WITH ITS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ON THE ONE HAND AND TO ASSIST SUBVERSIVE GROUPS ON THE OTHER.

2. AMIN DRYLY OBSERVED THAT "THERE ARE TRUE NEWS REPORTS AND FALSE NEWS REPORTS" - AND THAT HIS OWN REGIME HAS ALSO

FREQUENTLY BEEN THE VICTIM OF THE LATTER. (HE CITED, AS AN EXAMPLE, A RECENT RAWALPINDI REPORT THAT THERE HAVE BEEN ARMED CLASHES BETWEEN KHALQISTS AND PARCHAMISTS AT KABUL, RESULTING IN SIX DEATHS.)

3. I ASKED AMIN TO INFORM ME IMMEDIATELY SHOULD HE HAVE ANY CONCERNS ARISING FROM ALLEGATIONS OF "AMERICAN MEDDLING." HE ASSURED ME THAT HE WOULD.

4. COMMENT: IT WAS NOTEWORTHY THAT AMIN, IN CONTRAST DOST, REFRAINED FROM ANY COMMENT TO THE EFFECT THAT THE DRA HAS NO EVIDENCE OF U.S. SUPPORT FOR DISSIDENT GROUPS OUTSIDE OF AFGHANISTAN. I GAINED THE IMPRESSION THAT HE TOOK MY PROTESTATIONS OF NON-INVOLVEMENT WITH A GRAIN OF SALT, NO DOUBT FEELING THAT IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT FOR THE U.S. REFRAIN FROM COLLUDING WITH PAKISTAN A CLOSE U.S. FRIEND.
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